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THE EXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S TOWN MEETING HELD IN BERLIN'S
KONGRESSHALLE ON JULY 15 FOLLOWS. THIS TEXT WAS PREPARED BY THE OFFICE
OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY.

1. NOTE: DUE TO A TECHNICAL ERROR WE WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN A TRANS-
LATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT.
 2. THE PRESIDENT: THANK YOU.
 3. GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE, THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT TO BERLIN. FIVE
YEARS AGO I CAME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. AND MY WIFE
AND I SAW THE MONUMENT BY WHICH BERLIN TEACHES ALL VISITORS ABOUT THE
BASIC REALITIES OF OUR TIMES.
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4. WE SAW THE WALL, AND WE WORSHIPPED AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH,
WHICH EXISTS AS A SOLID REMINDER OF THE TRAGEDY OF THE PAST AND A
HOPEFUL PROMISE OF YOUR FUTURE.

5. BUT I ALSO EXPERIENCED THE WARMTH AND THE WIT OF YOUR IRRE-
PRESSIBLE PEOPLE. I KNEW WHEN I LEFT THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD WANT

TO RETURN. I AM PLEASED TO ENJOY THE WARMTH AND FREIENDSHIP OF THIS HALL, BECAUSE A FEW MINUTES AGO I WAS STANDING IN POTSDAMER PLATZ, LOOKING SILENTLY AT THE WALL, A SPECTACLE THAT SO ACCURATELY REFLECTS A WASTELAND OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE WALL. THIS DEMONSTRATES BEYOND THE POWER OF WORDS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THOSE WHO DO NOT.

6. I'M THANKFUL THAT THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED IN RECENT YEARS HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE LIFE BETTER AND MORE HUMANE FOR BERLINERS. AND ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM MUST CERTAINLY HOPE THAT THE DETENTE WHICH MADE THEM POSSIBLE WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AND TO PROSPER.

7. ALMOST 30 YEARS AGO IN THE DARKEST HOURS OF THE AIRLIFT, PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN SAID THAT THE COURAGE DISPLAYED BY THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN IN THEIR BELEAGURED OUTPOST IS PROOF TO THE WORLD OF THE STRENGTH OF THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.

8. WITH THE HELP OF LUCIUS CLAY AND JOHN J. MCCLOY, PRESIDENT TRUMAN SHOWED THAT WE WOULD STAND WITH YOU WHEN YOUR LIBERTY WAS IN DOUBT.

9. AND YEAR AFTER YEAR, AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF YOUR CITY.

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10. WE JOIN THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH IN THIS CONSTANT PLEDGE.

11. I AM HONORED TO JOIN THE CITIZENS OF THIS VITAL AND DYNAMIC CITY AGAIN TO DECLARE AGAIN, WHATEVER HAPPENS, BERLIN WILL REMAIN FREE. (APPLAUSE)

12. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO SPEAK VERY FREELY WITH EACH OTHER, AS HAS BEEN MY OWN CUSTOM WITH MEETINGS OF THIS KIND THROUGHOUT THE NATION OF THE UNITED STATES. I WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

13. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. (APPLAUSE)

14. QUESTION: I AM A PUPIL, MR. PRESIDENT. MY QUESTION IS: DOES YOUR DAUGHTER AMY LEARN GERMAN IN SCHOOL, MR. PRESIDENT? (APPLAUSE)

15. THE PRESIDENT: NO, SHE DOESN'T STUDY GERMAN YET, BUT ON THIS TRIP SHE HAS LEARNED A LOT OF GERMAN WORDS. SHE IS AT THE BERLIN ZOO TODAY, ONE OF THE GREATEST ZOOS IN THE WHOLE WORLD. AND I FEEL SURE THAT AFTER SHE MASTERS ENGLISH AND SPANISH, THAT GERMAN WILL BE NEXT. (APPLAUSE)

16. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS CRYSTAL KRENITZ. I AM A HOUSEWIFE. IN JUNE I HAD A VISITOR FROM MINNESOTA WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE ORGANIZATION.

17. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS INITIATIVE? AND WILL IT BE CONTINUED AND WHY IS THAT TRIP TO AMERICA STILL SO EXPENSIVE? WE ALL WANT TO GO. (LAUGHTER)

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18. THE PRESIDENT: THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE IS A PROJECT INITIATED BY MY WIFE WHEN I WAS GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA -- (APPLAUSE) -- JUST BETWEEN ONE STATE IN OUR NATION AND THE PEOPLE OF NORTHEAST BRAZIL.

19. WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT, MY WIFE, ROSALYNN, DESIRED T TO EXTEND THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE TO TRAVEL TO NATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

20. ONE OF THE BEST TRIPS THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD HAS BEEN THE EXCHANGE WITH YOUR OWN CITY HERE AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

21. THIS FRIENDSHIP FORCE EVEN AT THE RATES CHARGED, DOES NOT MAKE ANY PROFIT. I THINK THAT NOW WITH THE UNFORTUNATE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR, YOU COULD GET MUCH MORE BARGAINS IN OUR COUNTRY THAN YOU COULD WHEN YOU WERE THERE. (LAUGHTER, APPLAUSE)

22. I MIGHT ADD THAT WE WILL CONTINUE THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE BECAUSE THIS IS A PROJECT THAT HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH GOVERNMENTS. IT IS STRICTLY BETWEEN PEOPLE IN ONE CONUTRY VISITING
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IN THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE IN ANOTHER.

23. AND I THINK YOU WOULD TESTIFY TO THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN TO OUR COUNTRY UNDER THIS FINE PROGRAM. (APPLAUSE)

24. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS BERNARD KLEIN. I AM A TRADE UNION SECRETARY. MY QUESTION IS: DOES, ACCORDING TO YOUR OPINION, THE DIRECT ELECTION OF BERLIN PARLIAMENTARIANS INTO THE DIRECTLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLAIAMENT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN?

25. THE PRESIDENT: NO, IT DOES NOT. (APPLAUSE) I THINK THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF BERLIN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, WHERE YOU HAVE A PRESENCE RIGHT BUT NOT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, IS ONE, A SUBJECT THAT HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ELECTED BERLINERS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENT.

26. BOTH THESE ARE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRINCIPLES AND THE AGREEMENT OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND THEY ARE PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE, PERFECTLY PROPER.

27. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS GISELA TIMMERMAN. I AM A SECRETARIAL SCHOOL TEACHER AT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL. MY QUESTION IS THIS: WE WITNESS GREAT POLLUTION CATASTROPHE CAUSED BY OIL TANKERS. YOU ARE THE PRESIDENT OF THE MOST POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL NATION OF THE WORLD, THE COUNTRY WITH THE HIGHEST OIL CONSUMPTION IN THE WORLD. COULD YOU NOT ACHIEVE INTERNATIONALLY BINDING SAFETY CODES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL OIL TANKERS IN THE WORLD THAT WOULD PREVENT FURTHER SUCH CATASTROPHES AND POLLUTION IN THE FUTURE? (APPLAUSE)
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28. THE PRESIDENT: LAST YEAR WE DECIDED THAT THOSE TANKERS WHO COME INTO AMERICAN PORTS, THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD HAVE TO MEET MUCH HIGHER STANDARDS, INCLUDING DOUBLE BOTTOMS AND A PROPER CARE FOR THE PUMPING OVER THE SIDE OF OIL WASTES AS THE TANKS ARE DISCHARGED. WE HAVE INTRODUCED THIS DISCUSSION

NOW IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM RECENTLY IN EUROPE REPRESENTED
BY OUR OWN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY.

29. AS YOU KNOW, MANY OF THE TANKERS WHO TRAVEL THE HIGH SEAS
ARE REGISTERED IN RELATIVELY SMALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE PRAC-
TICALLY NO CONTROL OVER THE QUALITY OF THE TANKERS INVOLVED. BUT
WE ARE TRYING TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE INCREASING OF STAN-
DARDS FOR THESE TANKERS.

20. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE UNNECESSARY WASTE, NOT ONLY
WHEN A SHIP IS DESTROYED THROUGH STORMS, BUT ROUTINE PUMPING OVER
THE SIDE OF A SHIP OF OIL WASTES.

31. WE ARE VERY EAGER TO JOIN WITH YOU AND OTHERS IN LOWERING
THIS TREAT AND I BELIEVE THE WOLD IS BECOMING AROUSED NOW TO
JOIN US IN AN EFFORT TO CUT DOWN OIL SPILLS IN THE WATER WASTE OF
THE ENTIRE WORLD.

32. THANK YOU.

33. QUESTION: MY NAME IS HEINZ MUSHKIN. I A M A PENSIONER,
MR. PRESIDENT. MY QUESTION IS THIS, SIR: WHY DO THE THREE
WESTERN POWERS SUFFER ALL THE MEASURES OF THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE
SEPARATION OF EAST AND WEST? OR ARE THERE ANY SECRET ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN YOU? (APPLAUSE)

34. THE RPESIDENT: THERE ARE NO SECRET ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRY, THE BRITISISH, THE FRENCH ON THE ONE HAND AND THE
SOVIETS ON THE OTHER. S FAR AS I KNOW, AT THE TIME OF THE
SIGNING OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, THIS WAS A PUBLIC COMMIT-
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MENT MADE BY THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH AND FRENCH LEADERS. AND TO

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THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE IS NO SECRET AGREEMENT NOW
BETWEEN OURSELVES ON THE WESTERN SIDE AND THE SOVIETS.

35. IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY PROPOSALS IN THE FUTURE FOR SECRET
AGREEMENTS, I WOULD OPPOSE THEM AND EVEN LET THE PROPOSAL BE MADE
PUBLIC. (APPLAUSE)

36. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS DIETER BORNE. I AM A
BUSINESS MANAGER. MY QUESTION: ON THE ONE HAND YOU STAND UP ON
THE UNLIMITED SECURITY OF BERLIN, WHICH WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE
AND WE THANK YOU FOR, MR. PRESIDENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HOWEVER,
THE MILITARY ODDS, THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT ARE SHIFT-
ING IN DISFAVOR AND AGAINST BERLIN ALL THE TIME. ARE YOU NOT
AFRAID, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THIS WILL AFFECT YOUR CREDIBILITY IN
THE EYES OF THE BERLINER? (APPLAUSE)

37. THE PRESIDENT: I THINK IT IS TRUE THAT IN THE YEARS GONE
BY, THREE, FOUR YEARS OR MORE AGO, THERE WAS SOME DOUBT ON THE
PART OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING SOME LEADERS IN THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS, THAT OUR COMMITMENT TO NATO AND TO ITS STRENGTH
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SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT ITS PREVIOUS LEVEL.

38. I HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE NOW FOR 18 MONTHS AND THERE HAS BEEN
A RENEWED SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND TOTAL COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN AND
TO INCREASE OUR STRENGTH IN THE NATO AREA. THIS IS EXEMPLIFIED BY
THE FACT THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF NATO NOW HAVE PROMISED TO INCREASE
THEIR ACTUAL BUDGET COMMITMENTS TO NATO DEFENSE BY THREE PERCENT
PER YEAR ABOVE AND BEYOND THE INFLATION RATE. WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN
TO ALLOT NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS WITH THE FIRST PRIORITY FOR OUR
ENTIRE COUNTRY TO THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AREA: THE F-15 AIRPLANE,
THE A-10 AIRPLANE, THE MOST ADVANCED TYPES OF PLANES, THE ANTI-
TANK TOW MISSILES, AND SO FORTH, THAT I REVIEWED THIS MORNING
WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. SO I DO BELIEVE WE HAVE AN ADEQUATE
DEFENSE CAPABILITY NOW. IT IS INCREASING AND THERE WILL NEVER
BE ANY OCCASION IN THE FUTURE, WHEN OUR NATION OR THOSE OTHERS WHO
ARE COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE WILL LESSEN OUR

ALERTNESS OR LESSEN OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE THIS OUR FIRST PRIORITY.

39. WE CONSIDER AN ATTACK ON THE TERRITORY OR PEOPLE OF WESTERN EUROPE TO BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS AN ATTACK WOULD BE ON THE TERRITORY OR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

40. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS PIETRAT BENT. I AM A STUDENT HERE IN BERLIN. MY QUESTION, MR. PRESIDENT, IS AS FOLLOWS: WHAT DID YOU MEAN OR INTEND, MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN YOU SAID THAT THE GERMAN NATION HAD A CLAIM AND RIGHT FOR REUNIFICATION AND HOW CAN YOUR ADMINISTRATION REALLY AFFORT TO BE INTERESTED IN GERMAN REUNIFICATION?

41. THE PRESIDENT: THE CONSTANT COMMITMENT OF THE WESTERN ALLIES, EVER SINCE THE NATO ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED, EVER SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR WAS OVER, IS FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY, BASED UPON THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE YOUR-
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SELVES. AND THIS IS A COMMITMENT THAT I BELIEVE OUGHT TO BE MAINTAINED AND AN ULTIMATE HOPE THAT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PRESERVED.

42. WE ARE NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE OUR WILL UPON THE GERMAN PEOPLE. BUT WHEN THE GERMAN PEOPLE APPROACH THE TIME OF MAKING A DECISION FOR YOURSELVES THAT GERMANY SHOULD BE REUNITED AND BERLIN AGAIN BE THE CAPITAL OF UNIFIED GERMANY, WE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME THAT TIME AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND OUR CONSTANT HOPE. (APPLAUSE)

43. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS HANS DETERROBO, I AM A CIVIL ENGINEER. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY PERSONAL QUESTION, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO DEFER AND ASK A QUESTION WHICH FRIENDS IN EAST BERLIN HAVE ASKED ME TO PUT TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

44. THE U.S. CARRIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF BERLIN. COULD YOU NOT, MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN YOU COME BACK TO BERLIN, ALSO VISIT THE EASTERN SECTOR? (APPLAUSE)

45. THE PRESIDENT: YES, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO DO THAT. THE LAST TIME I WAS IN BERLIN, I DID VISIT BOTH WEST AND EASTERN SECTORS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IN THE FUTURE.

46. AS YOU KNOW, THE VISITING RIGHTS ON BOTH SIDES OF BERLIN ARE GUARANTEED BY THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS AND ALSO BY THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. WHEN I RETURN TO BERLIN, I WILL TRY TO ARRANGE MY SCHEDULE TO VISIT THE EASTERN SECTOR AS WELL. (APPLAUSE)

47. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, I AM GOUDEN. I AM A HOUSEWIFE.

48. MY QUESTION IS: WHAT DO YOU WISH THE BERLINERS TO DO AND
WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS CAN WE RENDER TO REALIZE YOUR POLITICAL AMBITIONS, MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE WORLD? (APPLAUSE)

49. THE PRESIDENT: MY BELIEF IS THAT THE CITIZENS OF BERLIN,
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BOTH EAST AND WEST, SHARE ULTIMATE HOPES TOGETHER WITH
MYSELF, WITH MR. BREZHNEV, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND OTHER WORLD
LEADERS, THAT IS FOR PEACE, FOR A BROADENING OF THE COOPERATION
THAT MUST EXIST BETWEEN THE MAJOR POWERS AND THOSE WHO LIVE WITH-
IN THIS TROUBLED REGION OF THE WORLD.

50. IN ADDITION TO THAT AREA WHERE WE AGREE, THERE ARE SOME AREAS
OF DISAGREEMENT. THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES BELIEVE VERY DEEPLY IN
HUMAN FREEDOM, THE CHANCE FOR EACH PERSON TO MAKE
ONE'S OWN DECISION, TO CHOOSE ONE'S OWN GOVERNMENT, TO CRITICIZE
ONE'S OWN GOVERNMENT WHEN IT BETRAYS OUR TRUST OR DOES NOT LIVE
UP TO OUR EXPECTATIONS.

51. WE ALSO BELIEVE IN BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT SOMEONE SHOULD

HAVE A CHANCE TO EMIGRATE IF THEY CHOOSE, TO REJOIN ONE'S FAMILY IF ONE CHOOSES AND TO SPEAK OUT WITHOUT CONSTRAINT EVEN IN THE CRITISICSM OF ONE'S OWN GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

52. SO THERE ARE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AND AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT. AS I SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO AT THE MEMORIAL TO THE BERLIN AIRLIFT, UNCLASSIFIED

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I WOULD HOPE THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO PROFIT SO MUCH BY THE COMMITMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, WOULD LET YOUR OWN VOICES BE EXPRESSED CLEARLY IN YOUR WN COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, BECAUSE YOU ARE A GREAT TESTIMONY TOTHE BENEFITS OF FREEDOM AND THOS RIGHTS THAT WE ALL SHARE TOGETHER.

53. SO, I THINK THIS IS WHAT YOU COULD DO AND WHAT I WILL DO TO HELP YOU. (APPLAUSE)

54. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS KLAUTESKA. I AM A TOOL FITTER, A TOOLMAKER AND A WORKS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.

55. MY QUESTION, MR. PRESIDENT IS: WHAT WILL THE UNITED STATES DO SO THAT THE FOUR-POWER STATUS THAT WAS AGREED FOR ALL OF BERLIN CAN ALSO BE PRACTICED IN EAST BERLIN? (APPLAUSE)

56. THE PRESIDENT: WELL, WE HAVE NO CAPABILITY NOR DESIRE TO INTRUDE INTO THE AFFAIRS OF EAST BERLIN EXCEPT TO LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD AND TO JOIN WITH OTHER RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN CARRYING OUT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SPECIFIED CLEARLY -- THE ORIGINAL FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR AND THE 1971 QUARDIPARTITE AGREEMENT AS WELL.

57. ON OCCASION THESE RIGHTS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED, THE RIGHT OF FREE VISITATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF BERLIN, THE RIGHT OF THE WESTERN ALLIES TO SHOW OUR FLAG ON THE DAILY TRIPS INTO EASTERN BERLIN, AND VICE VERSA.

58. WE HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT WHEN A DISAGREEMENT DOES ARISE, THAT THEY MIGHT BE DISUSSED FREELY AND CLEARLY, THAT OUR VOICE MIGHT BE HEARD WITHOUT CONSTRAINT BY THE EAST BERLINERS, THE GDR, AND THE SOVIET UNION. UNCLASSIFIED

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59. AS YOU KNOW, THE GDR HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT NOR THE MONITORING

OF COMPLIANCE WITH IT. THIS RELATES ITSELF DIRECTLY TO THE SOVIET UNION ON THE EASTERN SIDE. BUT I BELIEVE THAT AT THIS TIME, SINCE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED SEVEN YEARS AGO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT IMPROVEMENT. AND WHEN PROBLEMS DO ARISE, AS TODAY, FOR INSTANCE, WHEN THE GDR PUT OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE FREE PASSAGE OF PEOPLE ON THE AUTOBAHN, THAT PROTESTS MIGHT BE LODGED, THAT PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE WORLD MIGHT BE FOCUSED UPON IT; AND I WOULD HOPE THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE THE LAST SEVEN YEARS MIGHT CONTINUE.

60. I THINK COMPARE TO THE PREVIOUS YEARS, INCLUDING THE TERRIBLE OCCASION OF THE BERLIN AIR LIFT, WHEN THE BLOCKADE WAS ESTABLISHED, THE SITUATION IS MUCH BETTER THAN IT WAS THEN. AND I BELIEVE THE REASON FOR THAT IS WORLD ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED UPON BERLIN, ITS SYMBOLISM, ITS IMPORTANCE TO FREEDOM, THE COURAGE OF THE BERLINERS. AND I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO BRING ABOUT THOSE ROUTINE METHODOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST AND WHICH I HOPE WILL BE OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE FUTURE.

61. WE WILL NEVER YIELD IN OUR COMMITMENT TO POINTING OUT VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENTS. AND I BELIEVE THAT WORLD OPINION AND THE STRENGTH OF THE WESTERN ALLIES, THE COURAGE OF THE WEST BERLINERS, WILL CAUSE THIS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER TO CONTINUE IN SPITE OF TEMPORARY ABRASIONS OF VIOLATIONS.

62. THAT IS THE BEST ANSWER I CAN GIVE YOU. IT IS NOT A VERY GOOD ONE, BUT I THINK IT IS ADEQUATE. (APPLAUSE)

63. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS GALINDA BUCHHOLTZ. I AM A STUDENT. MY QUESTION IS, MR. PRESIDENT, REPEATEDLY YOU HAVE SPOKEN UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE ANTI-RADICALS LEGISLATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY?
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(APPLAUSE)

64. THE PRESIDENT: I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATION TO WHICH YOU REFER. I KNOW THAT ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MY OWN, HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO BALANCE THE RIGHT OF DISSIDENTS TO SPEAK BUT TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND THE PROPERTY OF INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS WHO GIVE SUPPORT AND CONTROL THE GOVERNMENT.

65. MY OWN ASSESSMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S LAWS IS THAT IN DEALING WITH TERRORISM AND OTHER THREATS TO PEACEFUL HUMAN BEINGS AND TO THE STATE, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFUL TO PRESERVE THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, OF WHICH I APPROVE. (APPLAUSE)

66. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS OFERHAUS MEYER. I

AM 12 YEARS OLD, AND I AM A STUDENT. MY QUESTION IS: MR. PRESIDENT, HOW MUCH POCKET MONEY PER WEEK DOES YOUR DAUGHTER AMY GET? (LAUGHTER, APPLAUSE) (EDITORIAL NOTE - AT THIS POINT THE GERMAN TRANSLATOR MISTAKENLY ASKED HOW MUCH OFFICIAL ALLOWANCE AMY RECEIVED?)

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67. THE PRESIDENT: ZERO. (LAUGHTER, APPLAUSE)

68. THE PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT AMY DOES GET ARE LIMITED TO TRAVELING WITH ME AND HER MOTHER. LIKE ON THIS TRIP, SHE CAME ON AIR FORCE ONE, WHICH IS THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE. AND WE HAVE ENJOYED STAYING TWO NIGHTS AT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S HOME IN BONN. AND AS SHE RELATES TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY, PARTICULARLY MYSELF, SHE GETS THAT KIND OF BENEFIT. BUT SHE GETS NO ALLOWANCE, NO MONEY, FROM THE FEDERAL TREASURY. (LAUGHTER, APPLAUSE)

69. THAT GIVES ME A GOOD IDEA. I MIGHT BRING THAT UP WITH THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WHEN I GO BACK HOME (LAUGHTER)

70. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS BERNARD SHATTUR. I AM A BUSINESSMAN. MY QUESTION IS, HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE ALLOCATIONS OF THE EASTERN SIDE, ACCORDING TO THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT? THERE ARE NO TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, BUT ONLY COMMUNICATION LINKS. PROBABLY THEY REFER ONLY TO THE LANGUAGE LINKS. WHAT IS YOUR

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ASSESSMENT OF THAT ALLOCATION?

71. THE PRESIDENT: I THINK THERE IS AN EQUIVALENT ASSESSMENT ON THE EASTERN SIDE. UNDER THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT, THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT, STRONGER TIES OF COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED, ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OF THE QUADRIpartitie AGREEMENT. IT IS UNDER THAT KIND OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTANCE, THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IS HERE WITH ME TODAY, AND IT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I AM HERE TODAY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TIES ARE ENCOURAGED BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, SHORT OF AN ACTUAL POLITICAL INCLUSION OF BERLIN INTO THE REST OF THE BALANCE OF GERMANY.

72. SO I THINK THAT AS THESE TIES OF COMMUNICATION, TRANSPORTATION, TRADE, COMMERCE, CULTURE ARE CHANGED, EVEN UNDER THE QUADRIpartitie AGREEMENT, THAT CHANGE SHOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN THEM AND NOT TO WEAKEN THEM. (APPLAUSE)

73. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS HIDRUM SCHLAUS. I AM A COMMERCIAL SECRETARY. BUT I AM ALSO A HOUSEWIFE. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU THIS, MR. PRESIDENT: ACCESS TRAFFIC TO BERLIN WAS IMPAIRED BY THE OTHER SIDE SINCE THIS MORNING. THE REASON GIVEN IS THAT YOU ARE VISITING BERLIN AND THAT THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR IS WITH YOU. WILL YOU TELL THE WORLD ABOUT IT, MR. PRESIDENT?

74. THE PRESIDENT: ON OCCASION, THE GDR HAS TRIED TO SHOW SOME ABILITY TO INTERFERE WITH NORMAL COMMERCE AND TRAFFIC. THIS HAS PRIMARILY BEEN OF A TEMPORARY OR TRANSIENT NATURE. IT HAS NO PERMANENT DAMAGE TO US, ALTHOUGH IT IS IN VIOLATION NOT ONLY OF THE QUADRIpartite PRINCIPLE, BUT ALSO THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE
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WESTERN PART OF GERMANY.

75. I MIGHT SAY THAT I DON'T BELIEVE IT HELPS THEM. IT FOCUSES ATTENTION UPON THE GDR, AND THEIR ABSENCE OF FREE GOVERNMENT, THEIR PREVENTION OF OUTMIGRATION, THEIR INABILITY TO PERMIT THEIR OWN PEOPLE TO SPEAK OUT IN DISSENT WHEN THEY CHOOSE.

76. I THINK THE FOCUSING OF THE WORLD TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN

OUR FREE SOCIETY AND THEIRS, WHICH IS NOT FREE IS NOT HELPFUL TO THEM AT ALL. I VISITED THE WALL A FEW MINUTES AGO. FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY CAME TO VISIT THE WALL, THEY COVERED THE UGLY SPECTACLE WITH DRAPES. THIS MORNING AT 2:30 A.M., THE EASTERN GERMANS CAME AND LOWERED THEIR PAINTERS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE WALL AND WHITEWASHED, TRYING TO COVER THE UGLY SPECTACLE AGAIN, 15 YEARS LATER.

77. I DON'T THINK ANYTHING CAN HIDE THE IMAGE OF THE DEPRIVATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE WALL.

78. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY THAT I HAVE EVER KNOWN WHEN A WALL WAS BUILT NOT TO PROTECT ONE'S NATION FROM FOREIGN AGGRESSORS, BUT TO PROTECT ONE'S OWN PEOPLE FROM THE RIGHT TO ESCAPE. SO I THINK THE INTERRUPTION OF TRAFFIC AND THE PAINTING OF THE WALL ARE DEMONSTRATIONS OF THAT. (APPLAUSE)

79. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS GERTRUDE KREPRERUPMANZ. I AM A PENSIONER. MY QUESTION IS: FOR HOW LONG, MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU THINK WE HAVE GOT TO LIVE WITH THE WALL IN BERLIN?

80. THE PRESIDENT: I DON'T KNOW. (LAUGHTER, APPLAUSE)
I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE REMOVED IN THE FUTURE, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN IT MIGHT BE. I AM SORRY, I CAN'T GIVE YOU A BETTER ANSWER, BUT THAT IS THE TRUTH. (APPLAUSE)

81. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS SHULTZ LUKA. I HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOT A FOREIGN QUESTION FOR YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, WHICH IS WHAT ASSESSMENT OR CONCEPTS DO YOU OR THE U.S. HAVE OF THE UNHAMPERED ENERGY SUPPLY OF GERMANY BASED ON ENERGY THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY POLITICAL INFLUENCING AND THE ENERGY SUPPLY ALSO OF BERLIN?

82. THE PRESIDENT: I THINK IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ALMOST ALL KINDS OF ENERGY ARE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL INFLUENCE AND INTERRUPTION.

83. SINCE 1973, THE WORLD HAS BECOME AWARE OF THE PROSPECT OF GROSS INTERRUPTIONS OF THE AVAILABLE ENERGY FOR US ALL. AND WE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THE INCREASING PROSPECT OF SEVERE SHORTAGES.

84. MY OWN NATION IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ENERGY PRODUCERS. WE ARE ALSO ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ENERGY USERS AND WE WASTE MORE ENERGY THAN WE SHOULD. WE ARE TRYING TO CORRECT THIS DEFECT IN OUR OWN SOCIETY.

85. I MIGHT ADD THAT ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO PRESERVE

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THE FLOW OF ENERGY SOURCES -- OIL, GAS, COAL, NUCLEAR POWER,
THE USE OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER, SOLAR POWER, TO A PEOPLE,
IS TO PRESERVE PEACE ON EARTH.

86. I THINK THE MIDDLE EAST IS AN AREA WHICH CAN ENDANGER THE
FLOW OF CRUCIAL ENERGY SUPPLIES TO YOU AND ALSO TO OUR OWN
COUNTRY.

87 I HAVE PROBABLY DEVOTED MORE OF MY OWN PERSONAL TIME
TRYING TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND HER ARAB NEIGHBORS THAN ANY OTHER SINGLE
FOREIGN POLICY SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE.

88. AND WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO SECURE PERMANENT PEACE WITH
THE SOVIET UNION. WE DEEPLY DESIRE TO HAVE DETENTE WITH THE
SOVIET UNION -- A DETENTE THAT IS BROAD IN ITS SCOPE, THAT
HAS RECIPROCAL BENEFITS FOR THEM AND FOR US.

89. WE HAVE CONSTANTLY PROCEDURES INTACT, NEVER INTERRUPTED TO
BRING ABOUT A SLAT AGREEMENT, AN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED OF
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TESTING OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ATTACK ON EACH OTHER'S SATELLITES; THE LOWERING OF THE BUILDUP OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

90. THESE KINDS OF THINGS, I THINK, CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OVERALL WORLD PEACE.

91. SO I WOULD SAY CONSERVATION OF WHAT WE HAVE, SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE AND EXPLORATION FOR NEW KINDS OF ENERGY, MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY WE HAVE AND THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE SO THAT NORMAL TRAFFIC THROUGH THE OCEANS AND THROUGH THE SKIES WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED. THOSE ARE THE THINGS I CAN THINK OF OFFHAND THAT WE CAN ALL DO TOGETHER.

93. AND I BELIEVE WE WILL FIND BOTH NEW TECHNOLOGY AND NEW AVENUES TO PEACE IF WE PERSEVERE TOGETHER AND THAT IS MY OWN COMMITMENT. I AM SURE IT IS THE COMMITMENT OF YOU AND OTHERS IN THIS AREA AS WELL.

94. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS ENNIFOFGOSTI LOGDENDOF. I AM A HOUSEWIFE.

95. MY QUESTION TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, IS THIS: HOW DO YOU SEE AND ASSESS THE DEVELOPMENT OF EURO-COMMUNISM AND HOW DO YOU ASSESS EURO-COMMUNISM? (APPLAUSE)

96. THE PRESIDENT: FIRST OF ALL, WE WOULD PREFER THAT COMMUNISM IN THE WESTERN WORLD BE MINIMAL AND NOT INCREASE. (APPLAUSE)

97. SECONDLY, WE TRUST THE JUDGEMENT OF FREE PEOPLE IN FREE SOCIETIES TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT COMMUNISM IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THEMSELVES.

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98. WE HAVE SEEN THIS OCCUR IN RECENT ELECTIONS; IN FRANCE, IN SPAIN, WHICH IS NOW A DEMOCRACY; ALSO IN ITALY.

99. SO THE SECOND POINT IS THAT WE TRUST FREE PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY INTENTION TO INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AMONG OUR ALLIES.

100. THE THIRD THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT THE UPSURGE OR STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNISM IS TO MAKE SURE THAT DEMOCRACY WORKS. AND THIS CAN ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF THE PEOPLE OURSELVES CONSTANTLY ASSESS THE BASIC FOUNDATIONS OR PRINCIPLES ON WHICH DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS ARE FOUNDED AND EXEMPLIFY IN OUR OWN INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDE AND PARTICIPATION A DEEP COMMITMENT

TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY AND NOT TO WEAKEN IT.

101. WHEN A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IS CORRUPT; WHEN IT SEPARATES ITSELF FROM ITS OWN PEOPLE; WHEN IT IS INSENSITIVE TO THE SUFFERING OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE AS WE; WHEN IT IS NOT RESOLUTE AND IS NOT FORCEFUL ENOUGH IN DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST OUTSIDE INTRUSION OR THREAT, THOSE THINGS CAN WEAKEN DEMOCRACY.

102. I THINK THE OTHER THING WE CAN DO TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMITMENT AGAINST COMMUNISM IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD BIND OURSELVES TOGETHER IN EVER CLOSER TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION, MUTUAL DEFENSE, RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUALITY OF EACH OF US BUT POINTING OUT THOSE THINGS ON WHICH WE ARE IN HARMONY AND STRENGTHENING THOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL COMMITMENT.

103. SO I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE BEST APPROACH. I HAVE NOTICED THAT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, PARTICULARLY IN FRANCE -- I HAPPENED TO SEE A TELEVISION PROGRAM. THE FOREMOST CRITICS OF THE EMBARRASSING TRIAL OF SHCHARANSKY AND GINZBURG WERE THE COMMUNISTS IN FRANCE. THEY LED THE MARCH AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION'S

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ACTIONS IN TRYING THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE AND SENTENCING THESE BRAVE PEOPLE IN THE SOVIET UNION WHO SPOKE UP FOR THEIR OWN

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FELLOW CITIZENS TO HAVE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

104. SO I THINK THAT ALTHOUGH WE DON'T WANT TO SEE COMMUNISM INCREASE, WE WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN THAT I HAVE OUTLINED TO PREVENT ITS GROWTH, AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT EURO-COMMUNISM IS NOT A MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE COMPLETELY DOMINATED OR INCAPSULATED WITHIN THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF.

105. I THINK THAT GIVES US SOME ADDITIONAL HOPE THAT EVEN COMMUNISM ITSELF IN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES MIGHT HAVE SOME BENEFICIAL ASPECTS OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES IN WHICH WE BELIEVE SO DEEPLY.

106. THANK YOU. (APPLAUSE)

107. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS GERHARD SHAUFFER. I AM A CIVIL SERVANT. MY QUESTION IS THIS: AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROJECT, DOES THE U.S. PLAN FURTHER MOON MISSIONS AND LANDINGS?

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108. THE PRESIDENT: WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PLANS NOW FOR ADDITIONAL MANNED MISSIONS TO THE MOON NOR TO THE OTHER PLANETS. WE HAVE AN ONGOING PROGRAM, HOWEVER, OF UNMANNED MISSILES TO THE OUTER PLANETS AS WELL AS TO THE MOON.

109. I THINK THESE ARE ADEQUATE. WE HAVE PROVEN OUR CAPABILITY TO GO TO THE MOON. WE STILL HAVE THAT CAPABILITY, OF COURSE. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO MAKE OUR EXPLORATIONS INTO SPACE, INTO OUTER SPACE, MUCH MORE EFFICIENT AS FAR AS THE DOLLARS SPEND COMPARED TO THE RESULTS OBTAINED. AND OUR MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS WILL BE PRIMARILY RESTRICTED TO THE INCREASING UTILIZATION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

110. WE HOPE TO MAKE THESE SPACE FLIGHTS USING THE SHUTTLE A FAIRLY ROUTINE PROCEDURE, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY MIGHT BE CONCENTRATING UPON THOSE ASPECTS OF SPACE FLIGHT THAT BRING MORE DIRECT BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE HERE ON EARTH.

111. I THINK THE SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATIONS, THEREFORE, CAN BASICALLY BE PERFORMED BY INSTRUMENTS CARRIED ON OUR SPACE VEHICLES, AND THE MANNED SPACE FLIGHTS WILL BE CLOSER IN TO EARTH, USING THE SPACE SHUTTLE ITSELF. (APPLAUSE).

112. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS EBERT BAIRD. I AM A SCIENTIST. MY QUESTION IS THIS: WHY HAS AMERICA, FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF THE VIETNAM WAR, DRAWN THE CONCLUSION TO WITHDRAW THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OPPOSITION GROUPS IN TOTALITARIAN PARTS OF THE WORLD INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THEM AND LOOKING FOR A NONMILITARY SUPPORT OF SUCH RESISTANCE GROUPS IN THE OPPRESSED PARTS OF THE WORLD? (APPLAUSE)

113. THE PRESIDENT: THAT IS A DIFFICULT QUESTION TO ANSWER. I THINK THAT I SHARE THE OPINION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THAT WE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD NOT AGAIN BECOME INVOLVED IN A MILITARY WAY IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY UNLESS OUR OWN SECURITY IS DIRECTLY THREATENED.

114. WE DO SUPPORT THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE. WE DO THIS THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, THROUGH MULTILATERAL TEAMS SUCH AS WE HAVE JUST FORMED AND WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN NAMIBIA, WHERE WE COOPERATED WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WITH FRANCE, WITH GREAT BRITAIN AND WITH CANADA. AND ON SOME OCCASIONS WE WORK WITH JUST ONE OTHER NATION PRIMARILY, AS IS PRESENTLY THE CASE IN RHODESIA, WHERE WE AND THE BRITISH ARE TRYING TO USE OUR GOOD OFFICES TO BRING ABOUT A PEACFUL RESOLUTION THERE.

115. BUT I DON'T CONTEMPLATE, SHORT OF A DIRECT THREAT OF SECURITY TO MY OWN NATION, THE SENDING OF TROOPS TO ANOTHER COUNTRY TO SOLVE AN INTERNAL CONFLICT AS WE DID IN VIETNAM IN THE RECENT PAST.

116. THIS IS NOT AN ABANDONMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH OUR NATION WAS FOUNDED AND WHICH WE BELIEVE. WE HAVE STOOD STAUNCH IN THE SUPPORT FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AND I THINK THE RECENT WORLD ATTENTION FOCUSED UPON THESE VIOLATIONS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAS BEEN A TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT THE WESTERN DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND OUR BELIEF IN FREEDOM IS LETTING ITS VOICE BE HEARD AND ITS INFLUENCE BE FELT.

117. BUT JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T SEND TROOPS AS WE DID IN VIETNAM DOES NOT MEAN WE HAVE ABANDONED FREEDOM OR THAT WE WILL SIT BACK AND LET LOCAL CONFLICTS BRING SUFFERING ON THOSE IN WHOM WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED AND ABOUT WHOM WE ARE CONCERNED. (APPLAUSE)

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118. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS HILDA WINKLER.
I AM A PENSIONER IN THE GDR IN BAUTZEN. (APPLAUSE)

119. I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT THIS QUESTIONN OT YOU, MR.
PRESIDENT: WHEN DO YOU COME AND VISIT US IN THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC? MANY OF MY FRIENDS WOULD WELCOME
YOU HEARTILY THERE. APPLAUSE)

120. THE PRESIDENT: LET ME FIRST EXTEND MY FRIENDSHIP
TO THOSE IN THE GDR, EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT WE CAN FIND PEACE
AND A RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES THAT STAND BETWEEN US STILL,
AF I WANT TO TELL YOU, AS I DAID EARLIER, NOT ONLY THAT --
THE NEXT IME THAT I COME TO BERLIN I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
THE EASTERN PORTION, BUT I WILL CERTAINLY PROMISE TO GO TO
EAST BERLIN ON MY NEXT VISIT.

121. TO VISIT THE GDR IS ANOTHER MATTER; WE NOW HAVE HAD
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE GDR FOR, I BELEIEVE, ABOUT
FOUR YEARS. WE ARE STILL EXPLORING MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN
LESSEN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEE THAT COUNTRY AND OUR OWN.
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122. WE HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE CONSULATE AGREEMENT.
BUT WHEN THAT BASIC QUESTION IS RESOLVED, THEN I THINK WE COULD
EXPAND OUR RELATIONSHIPS THERE. I HAVE VISITED OTHER
EASTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS. I WAS IN POLAND RECENTLY AND WE
HAVE HAD VISITS FROM LEADERS OF OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN

COUNTRIES.

123. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOING THERE, AND PERHAPS THE NEXT TIME TI COME TO THIS PART OF EUROPE, WE WILL HAVE AN EASY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GER WHICH MIGHT MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO VISIT IT.

124. BUT AT THIS TIME, I THINK I WILL RESTRICT MY VERY LIMITED VISITING TIME TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND TO WEST BERLIN. (APPLAUSE)

125. QEUSTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS WOLFGANG SCHLOSKY. MANY BERLINER CITIZENS HAVE ASKED YOU TO DO SOMEETHING FOR NICO HUEBNER. WHAT CAN THE USA DO FOR NICO HUEBNER, MORE THAN JUST VERBALLY PROTEST TO GET NICO HUEBNER OUT OF THE GDR PRISON? (APPLAUSE)

126. THE PRESIDENT: THE VERBAL PROTEST IS MADE BECAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS THAT EAST BERLIN WOULD BE A DEMILITARIZED AREA.

127. THE ORIGINAL CHARGE AGAINST MR. HUEBNER, IN UNEDERSTAND, WAS BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO BE DRAFTED INTO THE MILITARY FORCES. WE DID EXPRESS OUR DISPLEASURE ABOUT THIS VERY STRONGLY, AS DID THE OTHER ALLIES INVOLVED, AND MADE THIS CLEAR TO THE SOVIET UNION AND TO THE GDR.

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128. AS A RESLUT OF THIS AND OTHR EXPRESSIONS OF DIS- PLEASURE AND TEH REALIZATION OF THE SOVIETS AND THE EASTERN GERMANS THAT THEY DID VIOLATE THE AGREEMENT, THEY CHANGED THE CAHRGES AGAINST HIM FROM AVOIDING MILITARY SERVICE TO A TRUMPED-UP SUBSTITUTE CHARGE.

129. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER ACTION WE CAN TAKE EXCEPT TO INSIST UPON THE HONORING OF THE AGREEMENT THAT HS BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE SOVIET UNION ALONG WITH, OF COURSE, THE BRITISH AND FRENCH.

130. BUT WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO GO INTO THE GDR AND TO REMOVE SOMEONE FORM PRISON. BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT HEN THEY DO FALSELY CHARGE SOMEONE AGAINST THE PRICIPLES EXPRESSED IN THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT THAT OUR VOICE IS HEARD CLOEARLY.

1331. I THINK IN THIS CASE IT HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CHANGED THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM..BUT THE PUNISHCMENT WAS UNWARRANTED. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS AN INNOCENT PERSON AND, AS YOU KNOW, HE IS NOT THE ONLY ONE

THAT IS SUFFERING AT THIS TIME.

132. WE HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE A MATTER THAT IS BROUGHT MORE TO THE FOCUS OF THE WORLD. I THINK THE RECENT SHCHARANSKY TRIAL HAS BEEN A MATTER OF CONCERN AND INTEREST TO EVERYONE, ALMOST ON EARTH, IN THE CIVILIZED NATIONS.

133. AND WE HOPE THAT THE PROBLEM WITH HERR HUEBNER CAN BE NOW BETTER UNDERSTOOD BY THE REST OF THE WORLD AND PERHAPS WORLD OPINION CAN CAUSE HIS EARLIER RELEASE. BUT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC ACTION THAT I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT WOULD GUARANTEE THIS EARLY RELEASE AGAINST THE DESIRES OF THE SOVIETS OR THE EAST GERMANS. (APPLAUSE)

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134. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS HEIMTY TITEL. I AM A PENSIONER AND I HAVE GOT THIS QUESTION FOR YOU: MR. PRESIDENT, WHY DON'T PUBLIC OFFICIALS TRY MORE TO PROMOTE THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF THE BERLINERS WITH THE ALLIES PRESENT IN THE CITY OF BERLIN? (APPLAUSE)

135. THE PRESIDENT: I DON'T KNOW NOW, BUT WITHIN HALF AN HOUR AFTER I LEAVE THIS PODIUM, I WILL TALK TO THE COMMANDERS OF ALL THE THREE ALLIED SERVICES AND I WILL HAVE NOT ONLY AN ANSWER FOR YOU BUT I WILL LET THEM KNOW ABOUT MY INTEREST IN HAVING THE RELATIONSHIP BE FREER, MORE FREQUENT AND MORE CONSTRUCTIVE.

136. I THINK IT IS VERY HEALTHY WHEN THE ALLIED FORCES ARE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND HOSPITALITY OF THOSE AMONG WHOM THEY SERVE. I SPOKE RECENTLY -- TODAY AS A MATTER OF FACT -- TO OUR FORCES AND THE GERMAN FORCES AT FRANKFURT.

137. I ENCOURAGED THEM TO LEARN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE, TO GET UNCLASSIFIED

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TO KNOW THE GERMAN CULTURE, TO MAKE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE, TO SHOP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN THE GERMAN SHOPS AND TO BECOME A PART OF THE GERMAN SOCIETY.

138. I THINK IT WILL HELP THEM NOT ONLY TO UNDERSTAND THE VERY GREAT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE BUT WILL ALSO MAKE THEM BETTER AMERICANS WHEN THEY COME HOME. SO I WILL TALK THIS OVER WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICERS HERE AND I THINK YOUR QUESTIONS HAS ALREADY BROUGHT VERY GOOD DIVIDENDS, EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ANY BETTER THAN THAT. THANK YOU. (APPLAUSE)

139. PERHAPS WE COULD GET A REPLY PUBLISHED IN ONE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS SINCE I WILL HAVE TO BRING THIS TO A CLOSE IN A MOMENT. I CAN ONLY TAKE ONE MORE QUESTION. I UNDERSTAND.

140. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, MY NAME IS RITA SCHAEFFER. I AM A PSYCHOLOGIST.

141. MY QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS: WOULD YOU HELP TO FOSTER EXISTING FRIENDSHIP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS AND TO EXPAND THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE MEMBERS OF A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BRACKETS AND SOCIAL GROUPINGS, NOT ONLY ACADEMICS AND PROFESSIONAL PROFESSIONS CAN EXCHANGE THEIR JOBS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME IN ORDER TO GET ACQUAINTED?

142. THE PRESIDENT: YES, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT YOU AND OTHERS, BUT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT OUR OWN COUNTRY.

143. I THINK THE STUDENT EXCHANGE IS ONE VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE THAT HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO EARLIER IS ONE THAT CAN BE GREATLY EXPANDED IN THE FUTURE. I THINK THAT WE HAVE

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN THAT THERE ARE 300,000 AMERICANS, FOR INSTANCE, WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE. THEY ARE HOPEFULLY AMBASSADORS OF GOOD WILL FOR OUR COUNTRY AND ALSO CAN DERIVE FROM ALL OF YOU A VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BENEFITS TO BE BROUGHT BACK HOME. BUT I THINK YOUR QUESTIONS IS A VERY GOOD ONE. I BELIEVE IN THESE AND OTHER WAYS WE CAN EXPAND THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG US.

144. TO CONCLUDE, LET ME SAY THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE BY A PRESIDENT TO EXPAND THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MYSELF AND YOU IS TO HAVE THIS UNPRECEDENTED TOWN HALL MEETING. I DO THIS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. I NEVER KNOW AHEAD OF TIME WHAT THE QUESTIONS MIGHT BE. I AM NOT NEARLY SO FAMILIAR WITH YOUR OWN SOCIETY AND YOUR OWN CURRENT PROBLEMS AS I WOULD BE IN A CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT I HAVE TRIED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS BEST I COULD.

145. I HAVE DERIVED FROM MY BRIEF VISIT HERE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE REQUIRED BY THOSE OF YOU WHO LIVE IN BERLIN TO MAINTAIN NOT ONLY A STANDARD OF LIVING WHICH IS EVEN HIGHER THAN THAT IN MY OWN COUNTRY, BUT ALSO A SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND A PRESERVATION OF YOUR OWN SUPERB CULTURAL TRAITS, THAT I HOPE WILL BE PERMANENT. WE ARE YOUR PARTNERS. WE ARE YOUR ALLIES. WE DO THIS NOT JUST FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT. BECAUSE OUR OWN NATION IS PROTECTED, THE FREEDOM OF MY OWN PEOPLE IS PROTECTED TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU AND YOUR OWN FREEDOM CAN BE PRESERVED BY JOINT COMMITMENT OF OUR TWO NATIONS AND THOSE OF OUR OTHER ALLIES.

146. SO I COME HERE NOT AS SOMEONE WHO DOES YOU A FAVOR, BUT

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AS SOMEONE WHO BENEFITS GREATLY AS A PRESIDENT AND AS AN AMERICAN FROM THE STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, ECONOMICS, POLITICS, MILITARY ALLIANCES THAT PRESERVES FREEDOM, NOT JUST FOR YOU BUT FOR US AS WELL.

147. I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO HEAR OF YOUR CONCERNS, AND THE HOSPITALITY THAT YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO ME, TO MY WIFE, ROSALYNN, AND TO AMY. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK. WE HOPE AS MANY OF YOU AS POSSIBLE WILL VISIT OUR OWN COUNTRY. AND I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT THERE IS WARMTH AND A SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE AND FRIENDSHIP, AS I HAVE FOUND HERE.

148. GOD BLESS EVERY ONE OF YOU. THINK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE YOUR GUEST. (APPLAUSE)

149. PETER LORENZ, PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THOSE IN THIS HALL AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU MOST CORDIALLY FOR THIS FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE BERLINERS AT THIS BERLIN TOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING. I THINK WE ARE ALL AGREED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR VISIT. (APPLAUSE).

150. I THINK, MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WILL HAVE FELT HOW CLOSE THE CITIZENS OF BERLIN FEEL ASSOCIATED WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS IS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE THAT THE MEETING TAKES PLACE HERE IN THE KONGRESSHALLE. IT WAS GIVEN TO OUR CITY BY THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FOUNDATION. IT BEARS THE NAME OF THAT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHO SO STRONGLY PROMOTED FREEDOM AND DIGNITY AND RIGHTS IN THE WORLD.

151. YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED TO REALIZE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THIS WORLD, AND YOU ARE ASSURED THAT WE IN BERLIN IN THIS DIVIDED CITY, A CITY DIVIDED BY A WALL, DO WITH GREAT ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE ARE HAPPY. WE FEEL HONORED. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMING TO BERLIN. YOUR PRESENCE UNDERSCORES THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE AND REPUTATION OF THE CITY AND THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA THAT YOU REPRESENT MR. PRESIDENT (APPLAUSE).

152. WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO YOU, FOR YOU HAVE STATED HERE A MOMENT AGO THAT YOU SUPPORT THE CLAIM AND THE RIGHT OF THE GERMAN NATION TO BECOME REUNITED.

153. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, ON
BEHALF OF ALL OF US, MR. PRESIDENT. (APPLAUSE).

154. WE ARE VERY GLAD THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, MR. PRESIDENT,
WILL SPEND A FEW PLEASANT HOURS IN BERLIN. WHEN YOU LEAVE BERLIN
IN A FEW HOURS' TIME, OUR GOOD WISHES WILL ACCOMPANY YOU. AND
THANK YOU, SIR, AND THANK YOU, AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR VISITING US
HERE. (APPLAUSE) - END).CHAPMAN

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